

### **Remarks**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and that the case pass to issue in light of the amendments above and the remarks below. By this paper, no claims have been added, canceled, or amended such that claims 1-20 are pending.

The Examiner has set forth the following rejections: (1) claims 1-11 and 13 -20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPA 2005/0128065 to Kolpasky (hereinafter the Kolpasky application) in view of USPN 6,215,298 to Westberg (hereinafter the Westberg patent); and (2) claim 12 is objected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Kolpasky application in view of the Westberg patent and further in view of USPN 6,480,106 to Crombez (hereinafter the Crombez patent).

#### **Rejection of Claims 1-20 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

With respect to both of the aforementioned 103(a) rejections, the Examiner is relying upon the Kolpasky reference to teach each main element in the pending independent claims. The Applicants have submitted herewith an affidavit under 35 U.S.C. § 131 to demonstrate reduction to practice of the presently claimed invention prior to the filing date of the Kolpasky application. The Applicants respectfully submit that this affidavit obviates the rejections set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are patentable and nonobvious over the cited references.


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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that each rejection has been fully replied to and traversed and that the case is in condition to pass to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it would further prosecution of this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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